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536 Army Unit

1. In late May 1952, the 33 Infantry Company, 1 Battalion, 10 sub-Unit,<sup>1</sup> North Korean 536 Army Unit,<sup>1</sup> numbering approximately 250 men, was in the Ch'onsong-ni (125-53, 37-53) (YB-5496) area, with three platoons at YB-542953 and two platoons at YB-541956. The 33 Infantry Company was charged with guarding the coast, but the men in the unit had been advised that, in the event the P'anmunjom armistice talks were successful, they would be infiltrated into South Korea to conduct underground activities. One method of infiltration would be to include them with ROK POW's who would be returned to South Korea.
2. The 33 Infantry Company had moved from the L-shaped Guerrilla Reception Center, which was about 600 meters north of the KIM Il-song University in Kirim-ni, P'yongyang. The company was commanded by HO Chong-il.<sup>2</sup> The troops in the company were armed with sub-machine guns, M-1 rifles, Japanese Model-99 infantry rifles, and hand grenades. Supplies were brought to the company by Soviet-made ZIS trucks from the Guerrilla Reception Center. The food ration consisted of 700 grams of rice, 300 grams of cereals, and 1,000 grams of other food per man each day. Communication between the 33 Company, the 1 Battalion, and the 10 Sub-Unit was by runner; but telephones were used to communicate between the sub-unit headquarters and the Guerrilla Reception Center.<sup>3</sup>

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3. In early June the 1933 Unit of the North Korean Ministry of Internal Affairs, charged with guarding rear areas under directives of the North Korean army general headquarters, was deployed as follows: the unit headquarters at Sinch'ang-ni (126-08, 39-25) (BU-5367); the 1 Battalion headquarters at Yongdong-ni (126-31, 39-42) (BU-8797); the 2 Battalion headquarters at Ch'angin-ni (126-28, 39-06) (BU-8130); the 3 Battalion headquarters at Kiyang-ni (125-32, 38-55) (YD-2010); and the 4 Battalion headquarters at Tokch'on-myŏn (126-14, 39-49) (BV-6311).

25X1 [ ] Comment. It is possible that the 10 Sub-Unit of the North Korean 536 Army Unit is identical with or the successor to the 10 Branch Unit of the North Korean 526 Army Unit. The headquarters of the 1 Battalion and the 10 Branch Unit of the 526 Army Unit [ ] at Kwangjon-ni (125-54, 37-53) (YB-545992).

25X1 [ ] Comment. Possibly identical with Hŏ Chong-il (6079/6945/0001), a lieutenant colonel and formerly the commander of the Eastern Liaison Center, 526 Army Unit, and more recently the commander of the 10 Branch Unit. 526 Army Unit. [ ]

25X1 [ ] Comment. Although it is not made clear in the report, the Guerrilla Reception Center presumably includes the headquarters of the North Korean 536 Army Unit. It is possible that the Guerrilla Reception Center is actually the Guerrilla Guidance Bureau, which controlled the 526 Army Unit which was a guerrilla and political subversion organization abolished in April 1952 and which was possibly replaced by a unit of the National Salvation Struggle Committee. [ ]

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